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## OFF THE COAST OF COLUMBIA

### The Spanish Fleet Is Now Sailing Northward.

Destination Probably An American Sea-  
port---It May Be Galveston.

Rebels In the Philippines Are Poor Allies---Twelve Thousand  
Volunteers Arrive at Chickamauga Park.

**CURACOA, May 17.--Special.--**The Spanish fleet is now  
supposed to be off the coast of Venezuela or Columbia, and  
is headed North.

Only a portion of the fleet was permitted to enter this har-  
bor for the purpose of purchasing coal, cattle and provisions.  
One torpedo boat was left at Port de France, in the Island  
of Martinique.

### General Brooke's Big Corps.

**CHICKAMAUGA, GA., May 17--(Special)--**Eleven re-  
giments of infantry, one of cavalry, and five of light artil-  
lery, 12,000 men all told, reported to-day to Gen. Brooke,  
Commander of this Corps of the Department of the Gulf.

### Dewey Waiting For Troops.

Hong Kong, May 17.--(Special)--The steamer Esmerelda arrived  
here from Manila this afternoon, bringing four hundred refugees from the  
besieged and blockaded city.

The blockade maintained by Admiral Dewey's fleet is exceedingly  
rigid and a number of foreign ships have been refused the privilege of  
entering the harbor.

Dewey finds the insurgents very poor allies and entirely useless so  
far as systematic co-operation is concerned. They are disunited, and  
fully one-half of them favor Spain. The Captain General is making  
strenuous efforts to conciliate the natives and authorizes native councils  
which he promises to recognize.

Pending the arrival of troops from the United States the Americans  
will suspend hostilities on shore.

The Cavite Arsenal was found to be empty.

### Some of Spain's War Reports.

Havana, May 17.--(Special.)--It is reported from Spanish sources  
that an American boat to-day attempted to make a landing at a North-  
ern point, but after two hours' of firing was forced to retire.

It is rumored here that the Spanish fleet is making for an important  
seaport of the United States. As it is following the coast line as now  
believed, this must mean Galveston, Texas, which is on an island and  
entirely unprotected.

The Captain General, of Porto Rico, says in the bombardment of  
San Juan, not a gun in the fort was silenced and that only 18 men were  
wounded. He claims that Sampson was driven off without seriously  
damaging the fortifications.

### Newspaper Men In Serious Trouble.

Havana May 17.--(Special)--Gen. Blanco is still waiting for an  
answer from Madrid in regard to the proposed exchange of Spanish  
prisoners for Thrall and Jones, the captured newspaper correspondents.

News from Porto Rico confirms the report that Freeman Halstead,  
another American newspaper correspondent, has been arrested and  
sentenced to nine years imprisonment for taking pictures of the Spanish  
fortifications.

### Jones Made A Speech.

Washington, May 17.--(Special)--Considerable progress was made  
in the discussing on the war revenue bill to-day. Senator Jones of Arkan-  
sas, represented the Democratic side in a strong speech.

### That Old Grudge.

Washington, May 17.--(Special)--The bad feeling between Gen.  
Merritt and Secretary Alger is causing much comment at the War De-

#### EXCLUSIVE WAR NEWS TO-DAY.

The Spanish fleet following the coast line.  
Gen. Brooke's army at Chickamauga 12,000 strong.  
Unpleasant complications in the Philippines.  
Galveston may be Cervera's objective point.  
Widening of the breach between Alger and Merritt.  
Rigid blockade maintained by Admiral Dewey.  
The Spanish report of bombardment at San Juan.

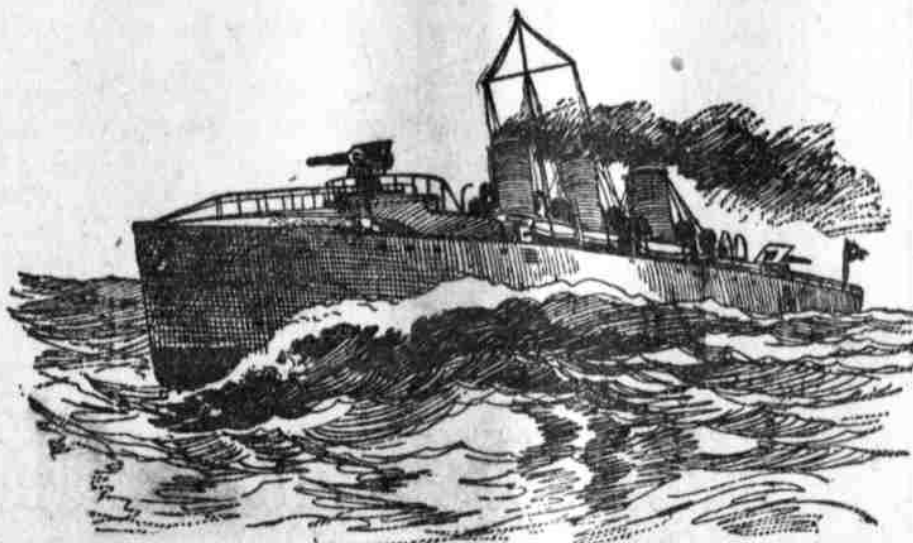
partment. The Secretary's friends say he will give out a statement of  
his position if the breach widens.

Merritt has been privately charging that Alger has allowed the old  
grudge of over thirty years' standing to influence him. Gen. Merritt,  
during the war reported Alger a deserter, though the latter maintained  
he was absent on sick leave.

The two have not been the best of friends since, and Gen. Merritt has  
asserted that his assignment to Manila with an "inadequate force" was  
brought about by Alger when he knew that a promise had been made  
that Gen. Merritt should go to Porto Rico as Military Governor.

Both sides are pretty well worked up, and with Gen. Miles taking  
the part of Gen. Merritt, a number of military men think the matter will  
end by either Gen. Merritt or Secretary Alger retiring.

### NOW DISABLED AT MARTINIQUE.



#### TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER TERROR.

The Terror of the Spanish navy is a small vessel, while the Terror of the  
United States navy is one of the very large craft. She belongs to that class  
from which much is expected in case of hostilities, but of which little is yet  
known positively--the torpedo boat destroyer. She is of 406 tons displacement,  
carries the usual small rapid fire guns and torpedo tubes and is manned by a  
crew of 73 men in charge of Commander F. de la Rocha. She is said to be one  
of the fastest vessels in the world.

#### TWO NEW BISHOPS.

##### A Stormy Time at the Election in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., May 17.--The  
Rev. Dr. Warren A. Chandler, of Ox-  
ford, Ga., and the Rev. Dr. H. C.  
Morrison, of Nashville, were to-day  
elected Bishops of the Methodist  
Episcopal Church South. The elec-  
tion held by the General Conference  
was one of the most exciting which  
has ever occurred in that body.

Dr. Chandler received 148 votes,  
and Dr. Morrison 140 votes. The  
excitement arose over the alleged  
election of the Rev. E. E. Hoss, of  
Nashville, who received 129 votes.

The whole number of votes cast  
was 255, requiring 128 to elect. As  
each delegate's vote was for two  
men, it was possible for three  
to get the required 128 votes.  
Bishop Wilson, who presided, de-  
clared Drs. Chandler and Morrison  
elected.

#### Polo Must Move On.

Washington, D. C. May 17.--Mr.  
Polo, the Spanish minister, and Mr.  
du Bosc, his Secretary, have been  
the subject of conversation between  
Secretary Day and Sir Julian  
Pauncefoot, particularly the lecture  
which Mr. du Bosc, delivered at  
Toronto the other day, and the  
evidences in possession of the gov-  
ernment that Mr. Polo is in com-  
munication with a large colony of  
zealous and alert spies on this side  
of the border. Sir Julian recog-  
nized that the Spanish minister  
could not be furnished an asylum  
in Canada for such a purpose, and  
has by this time undoubtedly com-  
municated with the authorities at  
Ottawa, who will drop a hint to

Mr. Polo that it would be well for  
him to move on.

#### Bicyclers Unfit for Soldiers.

Washington, D. C., May 17.--The  
surgeons who have been making  
examinations of the members of the  
militia volunteers will make re-  
ports that will be apt to discourage,  
though it may not extinguish the  
bicycle habit, and particularly the  
low handlebars. It is said at the  
medical department of the army  
that a great number of the volun-  
teers who have been rejected for  
physical disability are bicycle rid-  
ers, who, by that violent exercise,  
have developed disease of the heart  
and the spine and other disease in  
that part of the anatomy, but caus-  
es the other organs to crowd the  
heart out of its place and produce  
irritation which ultimately becomes  
chronic. As soon as they will have  
an opportunity to do so the exam-  
ining surgeons will be called upon  
for reports on this subject.

#### Our New Battleships.

Washington, D. C., May 17.--The  
battleships Kearsage and Ken-  
tucky might be finished and placed  
in commission in two months. The  
Illinois could not be made ready for  
sea in less than six months, but  
work was stopped upon all of them  
some time ago, because it was  
deemed more important to fit out  
the auxiliary cruisers first, and ev-  
ery man in the Newport yard was  
employed on that work night and  
day. The Alabama, which is be-  
ing built at Cramp's yard at Phila-  
delphia, will be ready for commis-  
sion in about three months.

#### A Business Move at Once.

Washington, D. C., May 17.--The  
President's order to the Key West  
fleet to reduce the fortifications on  
the Cuban coast as rapidly as pos-  
sible appears to have been issued  
in compliance with the advice of

members of congress who are criti-  
cizing the management of the war,  
particularly the idleness of the  
fleets in Cuban waters, which  
have been cruising around with  
silent guns while the Span-  
iards have been extending  
and improving their defenses. Ten  
days or two weeks ago it was pos-  
sible for a man who landed at al-  
most any point on the Cuban coast  
to make his way to the insurgent  
camps. Now, as Capt. Dorst and  
the Gussie expedition have demon-  
strated, every point is guarded.  
The entire coast is patrolled and  
whenever a boat approaches an un-  
fortified spot it is met by a shower  
of bullets or a squadron of cavalry.  
From reliable sources it is learned  
that during the last three weeks  
Gen. Blanco has had 25,000 or  
30,000 men at work strengthening  
his fortifications and getting ready  
for an attack. A good many peo-  
ple think this might have been pre-  
vented by greater activity on the  
part of the blockading squadron,  
and the president has accepted the  
criticism. Hereafter when a Span-  
ish battery is disclosed by one of  
our gunboats it is to be destroyed,  
if possible, and there will be a con-  
tinual bombardment of the Cuban  
coast.

#### John Rhea Wins Out.

Washington, May 15.--Imme-  
diately after the reading of the jour-  
nal this morning, Congressman  
Taylor, of Ohio, Chairman of Elec-  
tion Committee, No. 1, called up a  
resolution declaring that John S.  
Rhea was elected Congressman  
from the Third Kentucky district.  
It was adopted unanimously. This  
is the formal ending of the case.

#### Gladstone is Worse.

Hawarden, May 17.--Mr. Glad-  
stone's physician says this after-  
noon: "The end is now near. Mr.  
Gladstone has taken little nourish-  
ment. He breathes heavily for a  
few minutes and then his breathing  
is hardly perceptible. Mrs. Glad-  
stone is with her dying husband.  
She and others of the family do not  
leave the room for more than a few  
minutes at a time."

#### An Evening Paper Fake.

New York, May 17.--An uncon-  
firmed dispatch from Havana is  
printed here to the effect that an  
American vessel engaged in remov-  
ing torpedoes at Cabanas was blown  
up and that the entire crew perish-  
ed. Nothing is known at Key West  
of any such disaster.

#### BASE BALL.

(Special.)

Chicago 13, Cleveland 6.  
Boston 12, Brooklyn 0.  
Pittsburg 6, St. Louis 0.  
New York 9, Washington 13.  
" " 12, " " 2.  
Baltimore 9, Philadelphia 5.  
" " 12, " " 6.

#### Valuable Town Lot Sold.

M. V. Herndon and G. T. Her-  
ndon yesterday sold to Dabney a lot  
in the Kelly addition to City of Hop-  
kinsville, for \$600 cash. The lot  
fronts on South Virginia street, a  
distance of 80 feet, and has a depth  
of 250 feet. It is quite a desirable  
lot and Mr. Cary will erect a hand-  
some residence on it at an early  
date.

#### Morning Train Is Earlier.

A slight change was made in the  
L. & N. time table Sunday, for the  
early morning fast line passenger  
train going south. Instead of pass-  
ing here at 6:35, it now passes at  
6 o'clock, 35 minutes earlier. No  
other change was made in the local  
schedule.

#### WANTED

—200 Cavalry and Artillery  
horses. Will be at Layne's stable,  
Hopkinsville, Ky., May 24. Horses  
must be from 15½ to 16 hands  
high, weight 950 to 1,150 pounds,  
sound and in good flesh. Bring in  
your stock and get the highest  
market prices.

W. R. HARRINGTON,  
at Layne's Stable.

### TWENTY RECRUITS.

Young Men Are Volunteering  
for Service.

Feland Talks of Company D Be-  
ing Transferred to the First  
Regiment.

Lieut. Bassett's recruiting office  
was very well patronized yester-  
day. A number of young men anx-  
ious to fight, bleed and die for their  
country, called and had their names  
enrolled on the list of volunteers.

Lieut. Bassett telephoned to  
Cadiz and Pembroke and several  
ambitious young men responded,  
arriving on the night trains.

The recruits met in the armory  
last night, and they are a soldiery  
looking body of patriots and seem  
thoroughly imbued with the spirit  
and sentiment which is moving the  
nation in this righteous conflict.

It was Lieut. Bassett's intention  
to leave this morning for Lexington  
with twenty men who have volun-  
teered. Last night he wired Capt.  
Feland for instructions and received  
the following reply: "Better  
get thirty men; can't get transpor-  
tation but once."

He will continue to recruit today  
and expects to have the requisite  
number by night. In this event he  
will leave with the volunteers on  
the 6:50 train over the I. C. road to-  
morrow.

Lieut. Bassett thinks that the  
regiments will be mustered in and  
sent to the front in the order of  
their examination. Two Kentucky  
regiments are wanted at Chicka-  
mauga, and wanted at once. This  
being the case it is more than like-  
ly that the Second and Third regi-  
ments will go to the National Park  
and thence to Tampa or one of the  
Southern Ports.

#### Must Be a Mistake.

The correspondent of the Louis-  
ville Post must have gotten his  
wires crossed, or Capt. Feland's  
views must have undergone a de-  
cided change since his departure.

Writing from Camp Collier, the  
Post's correspondent says.

"It transpired this morning that  
an effort is being made to have Capt.  
John Feland's company, the  
Latham Light Guards, added to the  
First Regiment and to transfer  
the Somerset company, now in the  
Legion, to the place made vacant  
by the removal of the Hopkinsville  
company.

"I am trying to have Col. Castle-  
man effect the transfer," said Capt.  
Feland, "and I think it would be  
to our mutual benefit. I have a  
fine set of gentlemanly young men.  
They have all been examined and  
are anxious to go into the First.  
John C. Latham, of New York, sent  
me a check for \$1,000 when we vol-  
unteered, and told me to draw on  
him for \$5,000 if needed. Whenever  
ham and eggs are proposed for the  
mess we will not be backward in  
providing our portion."

Unless the KENTUCKIAN is much  
mistaken in the temper and dispo-  
sition of the men who compose the  
Hopkinsville company they do not  
wish to be separated from the regi-  
ment to which they have al-  
ways been attached, composed  
as it is of companies from their  
neighboring cities and from the  
same dear old Pennyrile country.  
Why should they? No better, braver  
men ever marched in ranks or  
faced death upon the battlefield  
than the men of the Pennyrile.  
Without disparagement to the Leg-  
ion it remains to be seen whether  
they can march and fight and en-  
dure the hardships of the field and  
camp with as much heroism as the  
men of the Pennyrile. Our boys  
want to see some service and strike  
some blows for their country's  
cause. The indications are that  
the Legion will not have this oppor-  
tunity.

The Kentucky soldiers are ready  
to shake with Blanco on one propo-  
sition at least. Blanco is short of  
war supplies.